Rail link of religious and tourist centres

2488. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to link religious and tourist centres in the country, through rail lines; and

(b) if so, the details of such centres identified for linking, the revenue implications and the time-frame for implementation of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does-not arise. However, a large number of religious and tourist centres are already on the Rail Network.

Train from New Delhi to Azamgarh

†2489. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no train facility has been provided from New Delhi to Azamgarh (Uttar Pradesh) by Government while all other parts of the State have been provided adequate train facilities;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration to provide train facility from New Delhi to Azamgarh in view of the needs of the people of the area; if so, by when Government are likely to approve the scheme, so as to mitigate the problems of the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) No, sir. At present 4649/4650 Amritsar-Darbhanga Saryu Yamuna Express is available for the passengers of Azamgarh desirous of travelling to/from Delhi. Introduction of additional train facilities connecting Azamgarh and New Delhi would be considered when requisite infrastructural /terminal facilities are available.

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